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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NAKAMURA, Takashi et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3682**

Serial No.: **09/880,081**

Examiner: **Lenard A. Footland**

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For: **BEARING STRUCTURE**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **September 19, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 4 as indicated below:

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1. (Amended) A bearing structure, comprising:
an inner ring;
an outer ring coaxially disposed on the outer periphery of said inner ring;
a rolling element rollably sandwiched between said inner ring and said outer ring;
a supporting part integrally formed with and protruding axially from at least one of said inner ring and said outer ring;
wherein,

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